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## THE RUSSIAN ARMY

The Main Body of the Concentrated Forces Crossed the Yalu River March 12.

### NO JAPANESE WEST OF THE STREAM

The Last Bombardment of Port Arthur Rendered Every Part of the Fortress Unsafe.

Residents Assert That Fragments of Jap Shells Fell Everywhere and Some Coaches and Buildings Were Destroyed.

Yin Kow, March 17.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the main Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events.

The chief movement on the Fung Huang Cheng military road is the dispatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces. A creditable native arrived here Wednesday bringing a report as late as March 12 from Song Huang Cheng to the effect that the main body of the concentrated forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river.

A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu.

The continued attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liao Tung peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress at Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that the fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere, and that some railway coaches and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on the shore was unimportant.

Tokio, March 17.—Tokio is unadvised regarding the naval plans and movements of the Russians, and is in doubt whether the remnant of their fleet is still at Port Arthur or is en route to Vladivostok.

Late Wednesday afternoon a telegram reached the navy department saying that seven Russian ships have been reported as passing Fort Lazareff. The report was not circumstantial. It did not give the character of the ships or the direction in which they were sailing. It is anticipated that the Japanese, by their activity, will speedily determine the whereabouts and intentions of the Russians.

Seoul, March 17.—The Korean superintendent of trade at Kyong-Hung, on the Tumen river, has received a note from the general in command at Vladivostok saying that since Korea has joined Japan Russia considers Korea as belligerent and will act accordingly. Two thousand Korean troops now at Seoul will be sent to the north next week. The Japanese have ascertained definitely that a strong force of Russian field artillery is on the north bank of the Yalu river and that earthworks have been thrown up. Advances from Chon-Ju, a town north of Anju, say that the people are in a state of panic owing to the treatment of women and the seizing of grain by the Russians.

### Handsomeness Prize Offered.

Washington, March 17.—The Imperial Russian minister of finance has offered a prize of 50,000 rubles (\$25,750) to the person or persons who will invent some way of making alcohol undrinkable, reports B. H. Warner, jr., consul at Leipzig, Germany, to the department of commerce and labor.

### Charged With Perjury.

Green Bay, Wis., March 17.—E. R. Harding, a sewer contractor of Racine, was arraigned on an indictment charging perjury in his testimony before the recent grand jury. Harding pleaded not guilty and was bound over under a thousand-dollar bond.

### Colombian Legation Closed.

Washington, March 17.—The Colombian legation in this city has been closed and Dr. Thomas Herran, who for a long time has been acting as charge d'affaires, will leave the United States for his former home in Medellin, in two or three weeks.

### The Russian Baltic Squadron.

Paris, March 17.—The Echo de Paris publishes a dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent which says that the idea of the Russian Baltic squadron going to the far east by the northeast passage has been given up as too risky.

Waycross, Ga., March 17.—The republican convention of the Eleventh congressional district nominated Rev. A. B. Finley, postmaster at Douglas, Ga., for representative in congress to oppose Congressman Brantley.

### TRUE SOUTHERN COURAGE.

Confederate Daughters Continue Meeting in a House Which Was on Fire.

Louisville, Ky., March 17.—True southern courage was shown Wednesday afternoon by members of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, meeting with Mrs. Basil W. Duke, when they proceeded with routine business undisturbed by the fact that the attic of Gen. Duke's residence was aflame and three fire engines were pumping streams into the blaze. The fire involved the possible loss not only of a historic home, but of a collection of antique furniture, portraits and heirlooms which is priceless. Mrs. Duke, sister of the noted confederate cavalry raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, calmly advised the members of the order to proceed with the election of officers, as the firemen would attend to the fire. The loss was slight.

### NONE VETOED OR APPROVED.

Bills Passed By the Legislature Not Acted Upon By the Governor.

Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—Gov. Beckham did not approve, nor veto, Wednesday any of the large number of bills on his desk. The one known as the "McInerney bill" is still in his hands and he has nine more days, under the constitution, in which to dispose of it, and all others that come to his hands during the last ten days of the session. It has been urged in some quarters that the "McInerney bill" is unconstitutional, but it is not known if the governor takes that view of it.

### THE CITY IN ARREARS.

The Water Supply of Harrodsburg, Ky., Was Cut Off Wednesday.

Harrodsburg, Ky., March 17.—The water supply of the city was cut off Wednesday by the Harrodsburg Water Co. shutting down its plant. The company claims that the city is in arrears for water for four years, amounting to about \$21,000, and has made no provision to pay. The water will be cut off until the claim is paid. Meanwhile Harrodsburg, a city of 5,500 population, is without fire protection.

### Death of L. K. Marty.

Newport, Ky., March 17.—L. K. Marty, who for years had been prominent in business and financial circles in Campbell county, died Wednesday morning at his home in the Kentucky highlands. The immediate cause of his death was kidney trouble, although he had been ill for the greater part of the winter.

### On a Trip of Inspection.

Lexington, Ky., March 17.—The members of the junior class of mechanical engineering, about 30 strong, left Wednesday morning on the annual trip of inspection to Cincinnati. They will make a tour of all large machine shops at Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton.

### Kentucky State Fair Will Be Held.

Lexington, Ky., March 17.—M. A. Scoville, president of the State Fair association, says the action of the state legislature in taking away the state appropriation for holding the fair will not prevent the fair being held this year, probably in this city.

### Louisville Secures the Convention.

Louisville, Ky., March 17.—The republican state central committee, at a meeting in this city Wednesday night, decided to hold the state convention in Louisville on Tuesday, May 3. The convention will probably be held in the Auditorium.

### Aged Woman Expires.

Taylorsville, Ky., March 17.—Mrs. Mary Campbell Scott, one of Spencer county's most estimable women, and mother-in-law of Postmaster W. H. Stratton, of this place, died at his home, of paralysis. Mrs. Scott was 82 years old.

### Tomlinson For Committeeman.

Lancaster, Ky., March 17.—The democrats of this end of the Eighth congressional district will present the name of Hon. R. H. Tomlinson, of this city, at the next state convention for the place of state central committeeman.

### Llewellyn Sharp, Jr., Released.

Lexington, Ky., March 17.—Llewellyn Sharp, jr., who shot and killed Griggs Hopper and Ed Waite two weeks ago for stealing his corn, was Wednesday released on \$100 bond. It is thought he will be discharged on trial.

### Rural Carriers in Kentucky.

Washington, March 17.—Rural carriers were appointed for Kentucky routes as follows: Louisville—Regular, Ora C. Atkins; substitute, George L. Atkins. Pembroke—Regular, Thomas Z. Watts; substitute, John Smith.

### Library Opened to the Public.

Covington, Ky., March 17.—Covington's new public library, the gift of Andrew J. Carnegie, was formally opened Wednesday afternoon.

## GEN. WOOD CASE.

An Entire Day Spent in the Senate Considering It in Executive Session.

### A VOTE WILL BE REACHED FRIDAY

In the House of Representatives Congressman Spight, of Mississippi, Discussed the Negro Question.

He Declared Unjust the Attacks on the Southern People, Who Had Been Charged With Brutality Toward the Colored Race.

Washington, March 17.—Senate—Another entire day of the senate was devoted to consideration, in executive session, of the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. Senator Blackburn, resuming his speech, occupied a little more than two hours and was followed by Senator Quarles, who consumed the balance of the day and expects to take another hour Thursday. It is predicted now that a vote will be reached before adjournment Friday. In addition to the set speeches which will be made by Senators Teller and Foraker, Senator Alger, formerly secretary of war, will take 15 or 20 minutes in defense of Gen. Wood's executive ability. He will speak from a personal point of view.

The military record and executive ability of Gen. Wood formed the subjects of Senator Quarles' remarks. He followed very closely the testimony before the military affairs committee and praised Gen. Wood for his conduct in the Geronimo campaign, the campaign against the Apaches, the Spanish-American war and the record he was now making in the Philippines. No attention was paid by Senator Quarles to the charges made against Wood, though he suggested that in concluding Thursday he would attempt to show they had not been proved after an exhaustive inquiry by the senate committee.

The interruptions in the speech Wednesday were fewer than Tuesday. Senator Foraker is depended on by the majority members of the military committee to answer all the charges that have been made.

House—Subsidies to railroads for special mail facilities came in for considerable criticism by Mr. Robinson (Ind.) and Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), the latter characterizing them as a "legalized steal." Rural mail carriers found many friends on the floor, who advocated increased pay for them and the privilege of acting as agents for newspapers and trades people. Mr. Flood (Va.) denied that Perry S. Heath was entitled to credit for inaugurating rural free delivery. He said Heath made the claim, "notwithstanding the fact that he had not emerged from the postal scandal with a name as unsullied as the Alpine snows thrice bleached by northern blasts."

During the discussion of the post office appropriation bill Mr. Spight (Miss.) discussed the Negro question and declared unjust the attacks on the people of the south who had been charged with brutality and barbarism towards the colored race. Comparing the lynchings and burnings at the stake, which had occurred in the south with those in the north, he said that the people of the south in meting out punishment to a Negro who had committed a fiendish crime never followed it with violence toward defenseless women and children as had been done in the north. He declared that President Roosevelt, by inviting Booker T. Washington to dine at the white house, had done more to inflame the passions of the Negro and to give him a perverted idea of his importance and his near approach to social equality than anything that had been done for the last ten years.

### THE ARBITRATION BILL.

It Was a Subject of a Hearing Before a House Sub-Committee.

Washington, March 17.—The Foss arbitration bill was the subject of a hearing before a sub-committee of the house committee on labor Wednesday. Fred B. Whitney argued in favor of the measure and presented many letters of indorsement from labor interests as well as from capitalists. He made a request in behalf of Judge Gray, of Delaware, and Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, both members of the anthracite coal commission, to be heard. The bill was declared to be in line with the recommendations of that commission. Daniel Davenport, of Bridgeport, Ct., representing the anti-boycott association, appeared against the bill. A request to oppose the measure also was made on behalf of the steel interests.

### Instructed For Roosevelt.

Mankato, Minn., March 17.—Gustav

Widell, of Mankato, and H. C. Grass, of Slayton, were elected delegates to the Chicago convention by the republican Second district convention. They were instructed for Roosevelt.

### TEXAS ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Suits For Alleged Violations Brought Against Surety Companies.

Austin, Tex., March 17.—Suits for alleged violations of the Texas anti-trust laws were filed by County Attorney Brady under direction of State Attorney General Bell Wednesday afternoon against the United States Fidelity and Deposit Co., of Maryland, and the American Bonding Co., of Baltimore.

It is alleged that the companies have entered into a trust to fix the prices of surety and guaranty bonds. A penalty of \$224,600 is asked from each for this alleged violation.

It is also alleged that defendants are trying to restrict trade, and for this a penalty of \$17,500 is asked from each.

### FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

All in This and Foreign Countries Will Form a Combination.

Philadelphia, March 17.—The national board of Fire Insurance Underwriters at a meeting held in New York Wednesday came to an agreement with a committee of 20 representing insurance companies by which all fire insurance companies in this country and all foreign companies represented here will form a combination. Uniform rates, it is said, are to be fixed for the same class of risks in all cities, uniform legislation in all states and cities is to be advocated, and all technical work of all the companies hereafter to be done by a central board instead of local state or city boards, as has been the custom.

### SALOONKEEPERS LIABLE.

Important Decision Rendered By the Illinois Appellate Court.

Springfield, Ill., March 17.—The appellate court, in a decision handed down Wednesday, holds that saloonkeepers are liable for the death of their patrons who meet death while under the influence of liquor sold them by the defendants. The case was that of Kate Algood, who was awarded \$3,000 damages against William Botwinis, a saloonkeeper of this city, for the death of her husband, George Algood, who had been drinking in the saloon of Botwinis, and who, while on his way home in an intoxicated condition, fell from his buggy and received injuries which resulted fatally.

### IROQUOIS THEATER HORROR.

The One Unidentified Victim in the Morgue May Be Identified.

Chicago, March 17.—It is believed by the police that the one remaining unidentified victim of the Iroquois theater fire may be identified through a letter which was received at police headquarters Wednesday afternoon. Relatives of Mme. Fannie Norelli, a Swedish soprano soloist, who is thought to have attended the theater on the afternoon of the fire, have asked that an investigation be made, and their description of the missing woman tallies in some respects with the body of the woman now in the morgue.

### LAND DEALERS MEET.

American Immigration Association of the Northwest Organized.

St. Paul, Minn., March 17.—Land dealers from ten states met in St. Paul Wednesday and organized the American Immigration Association of the Northwest, which will devote its energies toward obtaining for prospective settlers in northwestern states the same favorable opportunities and inducements which are offered to settlers in the southwestern field. Between 4,000 and 6,000 men were represented. C. A. Patterson, of Linton, Ind., and George Martin, of Indianapolis, were elected vice presidents.

### THE UNION LABEL.

Many Rochester Clothing Manufacturers Discard Its Use.

Rochester, N. Y., March 17.—The use of the union label has been discontinued by more than 30 of the large wholesale clothing manufacturing firms of this city. The manufacturers say that they are disgusted at the attitude of the unions and refuse to be dictated to any longer. They claim that their customers demand goods without the label on them.

### Dog Shot His Master.

Houston, Tex., March 17.—Frank Schorer, gunsmith, was killed by a pet dog discharging a Winchester, the bullet entering his abdomen. The gun had been set on the floor cocked and the dog playfully put a foot on the trigger, springing it.

## A PENSION ORDER.

The Most Important Ruling Promulgated by the Department in a Long Time.

### WILL SAVE BOTH TIME AND MONEY

Soldiers Who Are Over 62 Years Old Shall Be Entitled to Six Dollars a Month.

Over 65 Years to \$8, Over 68 \$10 and Over 70 \$12, the Usual Allowances at Higher Rates to Continue.

Washington, March 17.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware, with the approval of Secretary Hitchcock, Wednesday promulgated the most important pension ruling that has been issued in a long time. It directs that beginning April 13 next, if there is no contrary evidence and all other legal requirements have been met, claimants for pension under the general act of June 27, 1890, who are over 62 years old shall be considered, as disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and shall be entitled to \$6 a month; over 65 years, to \$8; over 68 years, to \$10, and over 70 to \$12, the usual allowances at higher rates continuing for disabilities other than age.

The order itself is preceded by a preamble which, after citing the law, says the pension for the bureau has established with reasonable certainty the average nature and extent of the infirmity of old age; that 39 years after the Mexican war congress in 1887 placed on the pension roll all Mexican war soldiers who were over 62 years old.

Commissioner Ware, just before leaving for a trip south for his health, spoke as follows regarding the order, which he said would save both the old soldiers and the government and a great deal of money and time.

"There has long been in the bureau a rule fixing a maximum age limit at \$12 for 75 years. This was made during Mr. Cleveland's administration by Commissioner Lochren, now federal judge in Minnesota.

"It would seem that if 39 years after the expiration of service a Mexican war soldier was entitled to a pension at 62 years and no other requisite for drawing a pension should exist except age, that to soldiers of the civil war who fought vastly more and longer at least as good a rule ought to apply.

"There is an advantage and saving to the government in the use of this order because every old soldier who has reached the age of 62 years is able to prove almost without possibility of doubt that he is one-half disabled from earning his support by manual labor. This being so, it seems unwise to put a soldier to the expense of time and transportation to go to a place where a medical board can examine him to find that fact out, and on the other hand, it seems unnecessary for the government to keep the boards established and then pay \$6 for the examination of a soldier when the result of the examination can be so accurately foretold.

"I am of the opinion that this order will save the government a good deal of money. Of the two hundred thousand examinations in the last year, if one-fourth of them were saved it would make \$300,000, and perhaps an equal amount in time and transportation to the old soldiers who would have to go and be examined."

### POSTMASTER GENERAL ILL.

Mr. Payne Is in An Exceedingly Weak Condition.

Washington, March 17.—Postmaster General Payne is ill. That Mr. Payne is in an extremely weak state is known among his close friends, and he is being carefully guarded against any form of excitement. He has been unable to leave his bed for almost ten days and has had considerable difficulty in taking nourishment, but he is gradually improving in this respect. Mr. Payne normally is never strong and has been very ill on a number of occasions but heretofore has rallied quickly. He chafes considerably under the restraint of his medical treatment and becomes depressed in spirit.

### Bound Over For Trial.

Crookston, Minn., March 17.—Post Office Inspector Morris arrested Andrew Alken, the suspended postmaster here, and he was arraigned before a United States commissioner and bound over for trial on a charge of embezzling government funds.

Pittsburg, March 17.—Harry I. McAlpine shot his wife three times, and, thinking she was dead, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat with a piece of glass, followed by taking bi-chloride of mercury tablets.